

## **THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT 2010-11**

It was with great delight that the Parish Pastoral Council PPC welcomed new Member Annie Setiawan in 2010.

While there were no members who retired since the last AGM in May 2010, we did farewell Liz Clark (our Pastoral Associate for the past eight years). To farewell Liz the parishes held a series of special masses, which were followed by morning tea.

There have been many changes and developments that have occurred over the past 12 months. Below is an outline of the major issues that the PPC have been engaged in.

### **The Parish Strategic Plan**

At the 2010 AGM the Parish Strategic Plan was presented. The Strategic Plan outlined the systematic approach the PPC will be taking to the running of the Parish over the next five years. Specifically the Strategic Plan focused on the areas of:

- Community;
- Liturgy and Celebration; and
- Service and Outreach.

Since it was finalised in July 2010, the Plan has been constantly reviewed and updated. For those that are interested the Strategic Plan is now available on the Parish Website. Please visit:

<http://www.scsfx.org.au/documents/BusinessPlanforStFrancisXavierv5.docforwebsite.pdf>

### **Name Badges**

As a part of the Strategic Plan, and the importance the PPC places on developing a stronger sense of Community, names badges were designed to assist Welcomers. Name badges are available to all Parishioners, from the Parish Office, and everyone is encouraged to participate and purchase (at a reasonable cost) a name badge from the Parish Office.

### **Naming of Buildings in both Parishes**

With the St Francis Xavier School refurbishments completed in 2010 the need to name (and replace) some buildings was considered by the PPC, with the input from parishioners who completed a survey. The table below outlines the names the PPC determined.

<b>Building</b>	<b>Name of Building</b>
St Francis Xavier: Original Building facing Whitehorse Road	Sion Building – St FX.
New Library:	St Clare's
Admin Block:	Admin Block
Hall:	St Francis Xavier's Hall
Old Library:	Friar's Room
Tuck Shop:	Kitchen
Parish House:	S, F.X Friary
Clota Avenue Building:	Clota Avenue Building
St Clare's Parish House	Parish House

St Clare's Old School Area, Quadrangle Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 BBQ Area and Basement	Parish Centre
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### **Parish involvement in the St Francis Xavier School Fair**

The PPC participated in the School Fair (November 2010), by way of a raffle. This proved to be a very profitable and rewarding project. A small sub-committee was formed and sought donations of goods suitable to raffle. Members of the Council sold tickets mainly after Mass on three Sundays prior to and on the day of the Fair.

The net result was a donation to the School of \$2,210.00. This money has gone towards building the boundary fence.

### **Safe Community Policy**

In line with modern practices the PPC prepared a Policy to ensure that St Francis Xavier and St Clare Parishes and School Community are a safe and enriching environment for people of all ages with special concern for children, young people and venerable adults.

The policy will help prevent abuse by all members of the Catholic Community – parish personnel, employers, employees, volunteers, priests and religious. This Policy is available on the Parish Website – please visit: <http://www.scsfx.org.au/documents/SafeCommunityPolicy.pdf>.

### **Reflection Day**

On Sunday 20 November 2010 the PPC held its annual reflection day. The PPC was very fortunate to have Dr Peter Price facilitate the day and all the PPC Members attended. The theme of the reflection day was 'Transition'.

### **The Farewell**

The PPC discussed the best way to handle the departure of our Parish Priest Fr Anthoni of nine years standing and one of the Assistant Priests Fr Ben, here for 23 years. Both these men were loved and admired by all the Parishioners of St Clare and St Francis Xavier, so it was going to take a good deal of planning.

The result was outstanding, with over 400 Parishioners and friends attending a Farewell Mass of Thanksgiving with a BBQ lunch and presentations to Fr Anthoni and Fr Ben in the Hall.

### **The Welcome**

Then naturally we had to welcome for Fr Peter McGrath our new Parish Priest and his Assistants Fr Bob Matthews and Fr Peter Tran. They were all welcomed at a Mass and Morning Tea on 13 February 2011.

### **Building for the future**

The PPC and Building Committees at St Francis Xavier's and St Clare's are busy making plans and meeting with an architect over the refurbishing of the two Churches.

### **Troubadour**

The Parish Pastoral Council Newsletter published four times a year has been well received with the hope that it keeps the Parishioners informed of the goings-on at both Parishes and in Council. It is now known as "Troubadour".

It has been a busy 12 months and the PPC thanks all parishioners for their help and support. The PPC looks forward to continuing to build on the great progress that has been made over the next 12 months.

***Peter Leonard & Anthony Kennedy, Co-chair, Parish Pastoral Council***